

# Study Island Teacher Instructions

Dear Teacher,

Welcome! Your school has recently purchased Study Island, our online standards mastery program. To ensure your success with Study Island, we have included some basic information to help you get started. Also, please keep in mind that if you have any questions you can call 800-419-3191, email support@studyisland.com, or click on "Live Support" in the top left corner of your screen while logged into the program.


Study Island Support

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## How Study Island Works:

- Each student and teacher has his or her own username and password.
- The program is divided into sections based on subject (math, reading, etc.).
- Each section is made up of approximately 15-30 topics, and each topic corresponds to a standard (or multiple related standards) from your state curriculum.
- Topics consist of a lesson and a bank of practice questions with explanations.
- It is helpful to view the lesson before answering the questions in the topic.




## Goal of the Study Island Program:

The goal of the program is to earn a Blue Ribbon, or "pass" every topic (denoted by ). If a student passes every topic, he or she has demonstrated proficiency in all areas tested.

## How to Get Your Students Started:

If your students do not have usernames and passwords, contact the administrator for Study Island at your school.

Teachers, feel free to practice for yourself; your grades will not be counted toward the school statistics!

1. Go to www.studyisland.com.
2. To log in, students will enter their unique usernames and passwords under the "Member Login" section located on the left side of the screen.
3. Click a subject tab.
4. Click "Pretest" to begin if there is a Pretest available. After completing the Pretest, the student is ready to move on to the topics within the subject. If there is no Pretest for the subject, skip this and go to the next step.
  - *Students must complete ten questions in the pretest to move on to the remainder of the topics within the subject.*
5. Click on a topic to start studying. For a multiple-topic test, check the box beside each topic and click "Start Studying" in the upper-right corner.
6. Students will receive a Blue Ribbon next to the topics they have passed and a red triangle next to the topics in which they need additional work.
  -  Students will receive a Blue Ribbon when they pass that topic. The passing requirements vary by topic and can be viewed on the topics screen under the column "Passing Goal." The "Your Results" column shows the score the student currently has. Both columns show the number of questions or "items" taken in each topic and the corresponding "score."
  -  Students will receive this symbol next to a topic in which additional help is needed. In most cases, they will be given access to a Building Block Topic, which they must pass before returning to the on-grade-level topic.
  -  Students will receive a White Ribbon when they pass a Building Block Topic.

**Tip:** Ribbons are awarded based on a student's cumulative score for the topic. For example, if a student does multiple sessions in the same topic, his or her cumulative score is calculated as follows:

Session 1:	5 correct out of 10 attempted
Session 2:	3 correct out of 5 attempted
Session 3:	4 correct out of 5 attempted
<u>Cumulative Score</u> =	12 out of 20 = 60%

\*\*Unanswered questions in a topic are disregarded. Students can end a session at any time by clicking "END STUDY SESSION" without a negative effect to their scores. They can return to that topic to complete the session at any time. Tip: Each time a Blue Ribbon is earned, students can click on the ribbon icon to print it!

- After completing all of the topics in a subject, the student can move to the "Post Test." The Post Test becomes available when students have completed *every* topic and have earned Blue Ribbons in all but 3 topics. Once the Post Test is complete, the student has passed the subject. Students may go back at any time and retake any areas in which they had difficulty.

## Study Modes

There are four different study-session modes. To access them, check the box next to the topic then click "Start Studying." On the next page, select the number of questions and click the dropdown box next to "Session Type."

Select from the following modes:

- Test Mode – Standard multiple choice or short answer format. By default, questions are in this mode. The number of questions will automatically default to the minimum number required to meet the passing parameter for that topic. Students have the ability to choose the number of questions for that test session.
- Classroom Response System - Teachers will be able to use their CRS classroom clickers with the Study Island program. Please note that your school will need to have already purchased a CRS system to be able to use this feature. You can find complete instructions and system requirements online by clicking Help, then Clickers.
- Game Mode – There are many different games that your students can play. Updated versions of Java and Flash are required to play the games, and are available online as free downloads. Game Mode questions contain the same content as other study modes. **Please note: Playing the games WILL affect the students' scores just as if they were taking a regular test session.** The difficulty level does not pertain to the questions, but rather to the level at which the game is played.
- Printable Worksheet – Students can choose one or multiple topics by putting a check mark next to the topics they want to include on their worksheet. Answers are located at the bottom of a teacher copy; however students do not have access to the answers. **Please note that questions taken in the Printable Worksheet mode cannot be entered into Study Island reports.**

**Remember:** You have the option to control if or when students have access to game mode.

"I used the printable worksheets as well to help students work on 'showing work' on math problems. I could not have been as effective in my role in summer school without Study Island."  
-Crystal Potter, Mitchell Jr. High, IN

## School Stats

"Our school statistics indicate that the more students use Study Island, the better they perform on state tests."  
-Marianne Bursi, Principal, Explorer Middle, FL

When you log in as a teacher, it will default to the "School Stats" page. You can generate a variety reports on student progress in each topic by individual or class. Bar graphs show student progress compared to the school and state averages. You can filter most reports by date and also set them up to be automatically emailed to you every week. Additional information on each Study Island report is found starting on page 8 in the Study Island Teacher Manual and online under the Help tab.

Familiarize yourself with the various reports to find the ones that best suit your needs.

### Printable User List

To print a roster of your students' usernames and passwords, click "Printable User List" at the top of the School Stats page.

**Tip:** The Printable User List is an easy way to look up students' passwords if they forget.

"The most beneficial attribute of the program is that teachers can manipulate the instruction to the level of the child – which supports differentiated instruction."  
-Eric Seymour, Principal, Northport K-8, FL

### Adjust Difficulty Level

1. **Adjust Passing Parameters** - In order to complete the program, students must "pass" each topic within a subject. You can adjust the passing parameters for a student based on the student's proficiency level and your expectations for that student. See page 7 in your Teacher Manual for detailed instructions.
2. **Restrict Student Access** – You can restrict student access to a certain grade level. See page 8 in your Teacher Manual for detailed instructions.

## Class Manager

Study Island enables teachers to group students into specific classes. Classes are simply groupings. A student can be in more than one class at a time, and there is no limit to the number of classes you can create. Classes can also include students from more than one grade level. Study Island does NOT require users to use classes or class pages. These are optional features.

### To Create a Class:


1. Click "Class Manager" on the left hand side of the screen
2. Enter a title for your new class and click "Next"  
(**OPTIONAL:** Teachers may choose to "Override School Preferences." Here, teachers may control game features, remedial topics, and timer visibility.)
3. Click the maroon arrow by the preferred grade level, then check off the students you wish to add to the class. If you wish to add all students in a grade level, check the box next to that grade level.
4. Click 'Save' at the bottom of the screen.


- Easily view student progress and class averages
- Send messages to all students in your class
- Create class pages and class assignments

**Tip:** To edit an existing class click the "Edit Class" icon on the Class Manager page. To **add** a student to the class, repeat steps 3 and 4. To **remove** a student from the class, uncheck the box by the student's name and click "Save."

**Class Properties** | Class Page & Assignments | Parent Notifications

Title:

Owner:    
(The owner account, along with the administrator account, will be able to edit this class and add assignments and class notes.)

Preferences:    
(Allows teachers to set the games on/off preferences, timer on/off preferences, etc. for their class.)

Select Students:

**Students Selected: 4**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Kindergarten
<input type="checkbox"/>	1st Grade
<input type="checkbox"/>	2nd Grade
<input type="checkbox"/>	3rd Grade
<input type="checkbox"/>	4th Grade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5th Grade
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grove, Mara
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lusted, Greg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ressep, Allison
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roberts, Bobby
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ross, Becky
<input type="checkbox"/>	6th Grade
<input type="checkbox"/>	7th Grade
<input type="checkbox"/>	8th Grade
<input type="checkbox"/>	9th Grade
<input type="checkbox"/>	10th Grade
<input type="checkbox"/>	11th Grade
<input type="checkbox"/>	12th Grade

### To Create an Assignment:

1. Click "Class Manager" and locate the class to which you want to add an assignment.
2. Click the "Class Page and Assignments" icon on the far right.
3. Click "Add Assignment."
4. Select the date assigned and the date due by clicking in the boxes for each. Note that this sets your expectations for the students, but does not automatically set your assignment to expire at the end of the time period.
5. Enter an Assignment Title.
6. Type instructions or any relevant information in the "Additional Info" box (optional).
7. Adjust the preferences for your assignment. If the admin allows, teachers may choose "Override School Preferences" (optional).

## Create a Practice and Instruction Assignment

**Assignment Information**

Assigned: Jul 18 09 Due: Jul 18 09 at End Of Day

Assignment Title *(\*required)*:

Additional Info (optional):

There are 2975 characters remaining for additional information.  

  
(Sets the games preferences, etc. for this assignment.)

### A. Assigning to a Class:

1. Check the box(es) that corresponds to the class you would like to add.

### B. Assigning to Individual Students:

1. Click the maroon arrow next to the class that corresponds to the student(s) you would like to add to the assignment.
  2. Check the students you want to add to the assignment.
- NOTE: If you wish to assign to only selected students, be sure the box for the class as a whole is unchecked.

**Select Assignees**

Classes Selected: 1 Students Selected: 2

☐ ▶ Math (custom material)  
☒ ▶ Mr. Smith's 4th Period Class  
☐ ▶ Mrs. Peters homeroom  
☐ ▶ RDHS Class  
☐ ▶ Rory and Lorelai

### C. Add Topics to the Assignment:

1. Choose a grade and subject under "Select Topics."
2. Click "Get Topic List."
3. Select the topics.
4. Select "Activated" from the drop down menu at the bottom of the screen. To keep it deactivated, select "Deactivated." NOTE: When you keep an assignment deactivated, the students are unable to see it. This can be a great option for teachers who want to plan ahead!
5. Click "Save Assignment."

**Select Topics (\*required)**

**Topics Selected: 1**

5th Grade - TEKS  
Program: Mastery and TAKS Preparation  
Subject: Math Change Subject

Title	Passing Goal	Item Score	View
<b>Math</b>			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Pretest - Math	10 : N.A.		
<b>2. Numbers, Operations &amp; Problem Solving (TAKS OBJ. 1 &amp; 6)</b>			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Place Value	20 : 77%		
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Compare & Order Numbers	10 : 68%		
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Comparing Fractions	20 : 67%		
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fractional & Decimal Models	10 : 70%		
e. <input type="checkbox"/> Fraction Simplification	20 : 70%		
f. <input type="checkbox"/> Improper Fractions & Mixed Numbers	10 : 66%		
g. <input type="checkbox"/> Addition & Subtraction	15 : 70%		

### Creating a Class Page

Once a class is created, a Class Page can be made for that class. A Class Page can only be made by the school's admin or the owner of the class. The Class Page must be activated in order for students to access assignments.

1. Click "Class Manager" on the left side of the screen.
2. Click the "Class Page and Assignments" icon to the right of the class name.
3. Choose "Yes" from the dropdown box by "Class Page Activated." There must be a note or assignment created before the Class Page can be activated.

Class Pages can include the following:

- Class Assignments – instruct students to complete a specific Study Island topic(s)
- Class Notes – post class notes
- Class Schedule – post class events
- Class Links – post class links to other websites

Additional options that appear once the Class Page is activated:

- **Default for Students** – When "Yes" is selected, students will see the Class Page upon login. When "No" is selected, students will need to click "My Class" on the left.
- **Block Other Material** – When "Yes" is selected, students will only be able to access Study Island topics assigned on the Class Page(s). They will not be able to navigate to other topics via the navigation bar on the left. **Caution:** If you share students with another teacher, be sure to discuss whether this feature will work for you. When you select "Block Other Material," ALL subjects will be blocked. In order for students to access other teachers' material, those teachers will need to create assignments, as well.

### Create New Topic Page ?

The "Create New Topic" page allows teachers and admins to create their own custom material for use in our program. Students can access this material by clicking "Custom Material" on the left side of the page. Admins can also add custom material to the other Study Island topics by clicking "Alter Subjects" on the admin page. For detailed instructions on creating Custom Material, see the Help tab or contact us at 800-419-3191, option 3.

"To motivate the students, I send messages of encouragement through [the Message Center]."  
-Jennifer Yokom, Teacher, WA Wright Elementary, TN

### Message Center ?

The "Message Center" page allows users to send messages to other Study Island users. Please see page 11 of the Teacher Manual for further details.

### My Attributes

The "My Attributes" page allows users to change their user information, including username, password, and other attributes. Please note that the admin can block attribute changes from the admin page.

For information regarding implementation ideas and activities refer to page 13 of the Teacher Manual, the Help tab under Training/Implementation, and the Study Island newsletter.